

RUSSIA TAKES PORT ARTHUR.

It Is the Most Powerful Naval Stronghold of the Far Orient.

AN ANSWER TO GERMANY.

Kiao Chu Bay Loses Most of Its Importance by This Move of the Czar.

London, Dec. 18.—News has been received here from Shanghai and from several Continental capitals to the effect that Russia has at length taken possession of Port Arthur, the European name given to the once celebrated naval stronghold of Lushanku, which played so great a role in the last war between China and Japan. The Russian occupation of this point was a decisive conclusion from the moment that Germany seized Kiao-Chou Bay, and to a great extent nullifies the strategic and political advantages which the possession of Kiao-Chou Bay at first seemed destined to confer. Great Britain, Russia and Japan have all had their eyes upon Port Arthur for many years past, and England as well as Russia have each on two occasions landed troops there and occupied the spot, only to withdraw a short time afterward in deference to the diplomatic pressure of other European powers, which realized that the European power which holds Port Arthur practically commands the entire northern portion of the China Sea.

After the last withdrawal of the English, the Chinese themselves, realizing that a point so much sought after by the European powers must be of considerable strategic value, set to work to fortify the place under foreign supervision, and converted the place into the most powerful maritime stronghold in the Far East. It was only captured by the Japanese during the recent war after an immense amount of hard fighting, and its storming was followed by a massacre of the Chinese in the place, which gave rise to a great deal of ill-feeling in Europe against the Japanese, who were held to have stained the laurels

of the splendid victory with unpardonable savagery. After the war the Japanese wished to retain possession of Port Arthur, but were forced to relinquish it to Russia, which is reported to have intended the place with war unless he withdrew from the place. Before the Japanese left they blew up nearly all the fortifications with dynamite, and as far as possible dismantled the port. But since then, the work of reconstruction has been going on rapidly by the Chinese under Russian supervision, and Port Arthur is to-day once more a magnificently fortified naval stronghold, with docks and facilities for repairing ships of all sizes, from torpedo boats to battleships. The value of Port Arthur to Russia is not, however, confined to strategic and military considerations. It is likewise of much commercial importance, its harbor being free from ice all winter instead of being closed for five months of the year, as is Vladivostok. It is, therefore, an ideal terminus for the Trans-Siberian line of railroad.

It is difficult to believe that Russia's occupation of Port Arthur forms part of any arrangement with Germany, since it practically nullifies the military and naval advantages of the possession of Kiao-Chou Bay, and renders the retention of the latter practically dependent upon the good will of the Czar. It is far more likely that Russia, possibly with the consent of China, proposes to use Port Arthur as a base of operations to compel the German to evacuate Kiao-Chou Bay.

SPARE MY COUNTRY'S FLAG
Bill to Be Drawn Up Prohibiting the Improper Use of the Stars and Stripes.

The flag committees or patriotic societies from various parts of the country met in the Council Chamber at the City Hall yesterday to take concerted action and secure laws to prevent the desecration of the Stars and Stripes by their use as advertisements and campaign banners. Colonel Ralph E. Prime, of Yonkers, was elected chairman, and Edward Horgan Hall, of this city, secretary.

One of the worst abuses, Colonel Prime said, was the use of the national emblem as a campaign banner. A Western society has a bill before Congress prohibiting the use of the flag for any except patriotic purposes. That, however, was not sweeping enough, because politicians might insist that there was patriotism in campaigning. It was proposed, therefore, to prepare a more comprehensive measure, and to have it indorsed by all the societies represented at the meeting.

A committee was named to take charge of the legislation, including L. E. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; John Whitehead, of New Jersey; Major J. Langdon Ward, General Thomas J. Morgan, of Ohio, and Captain S. F. Meigs, of Philadelphia.

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